

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraph between paragraphs [0007] and [0008]:

Providing crossing market rules may include requiring participation in a series of crossing markets. Providing crossing market rules may also include requiring adherence to the crossing market rules.

Please add the following new paragraphs between paragraphs [0008] and [0009], and prior to the heading, “BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS”:

Calculating the crossing price may include calculating a volume-based weighted average between a midpoint of the selected bid-offer liquidity spread and a last-executed trade.

Incentivizing participants may include incentivizing market makers to provide liquidity by rewarding a market maker that controls a majority or a pre-determined minority of the trading with a reduced securities buy price and an increased securities sale price.